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SUBJECT: VISITING MISSION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM

REF: A) USUN 1047, B) USUN 956

1. ON APRIL 24, TC PRESIDENT BYATT (UK) INFORMED US OF AN EXCHANGE LATE LAST WEEK WITH SOVIET MISOFF KOVALENKO. KOVALENKO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK BYATT SHOULD OPERATE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT GO ON THE VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN MICRONESIA. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OBJECT TO DISPATCHING THE MISSION, HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY DECISION YET ON WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE AND THAT HE WOULD GET BACK TO BYATT IN A FEW DAYS ON THE QUESTION. WHEN BYATT OUTLINED THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE MISSION, CONFIDENTIAL

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KOVALENKO SAID IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO TAKE THAT MUCH TIME.

2. KOVALENKO ALSO QUERIED BYATT ABOUT THE STATE OF THE COM REQUEST FOR SC SUPERVISION OF THE REFERENDUM. BYATT NOTED THAT THE SC HAD INFORMALLY CIRCULATED THE TWO COM LETTERS AND THAT HE WAS PROCEEDING AS TC

PRESIDENT TO MAKE PLANS FOR TC OBSERVATION OF THE REFERENDUM. KOVALENKO SAID THAT "SURELY" THE SC MUST TAKE SOME ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST, PERHAPS CONSULTATIONS. BYATT NOTED THAT THE SC HAD TAKEN NO ACTION IN RESPONSE TO PAST REQUESTS ADDRESSED TO IT CONCERNING MICRONESIA. KOVALENKO NOTED THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN HAVING TWO DIFFERENT BODIES SIMULTANEOUSLY OBSERVE THE REFERENDUM. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE THING AND FIND OUT WHAT WE WANT.

3. BYATT COMMENTED TO US THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE IDEA OF SOME SC ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE COM REQUEST IS NOT TOTALLY DEAD AND THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE VISITING MISSION IS STILL A POSSIBILITY. HE NOTED THAT ALL KOVALENKO'S COMMENTS ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION HAD BEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF A TC MISSION.

4. WE ALSO LEARNED FROM BYATT AND TC SECRETARY ABEBE THAT THE MARCH 16 NAKAYAMA/HENRY LETTER TO THE SC PRESIDENT (REF A) HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY SENT FROM THE SC TO THE TC AND WILL NOT REPEAT NOT THEREFORE BE CIRCULATED AS A TC DOCUMENT.

5. COMMENT: IN OUR DEALING WITH KOVALENKO CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, HE HAS FREQUENTLY SOUGHT OCCASIONS TO PROVOKE US AND GENERALLY RATTLE OUR CAGE WITH DIRE PREDICTIONS THAT DID NOT COME TO PASS.

6. ON APRIL 24, SOVIET MISOFF QUERIED US ABOUT THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT (REF B) THAT IT IS TOO EARLY FOR A DECISION ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE TC VISITING MISSION. YOUNG

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